

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2004.

Claims 1-20 are amended. The amended claims are fully supported by the specification, and no new matter is entered. Regarding "computer-implemented", see user terminal/computer 2 (Fig. 1). Regarding obtaining content such as at least one of an audio and video recording of an event, see, e.g., step S105, Fig. 2 and page 15, lines 1-7. Regarding obtaining accompanying information regarding an event, and posting the accompanying event information on a web page, see, e.g., page 7, last full paragraph, and step S101, Fig. 2. Regarding receiving a request for content via a web browser, and providing the requested content via the web browser, see, e.g., page 11, lines 1-11.

Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 6,516,340 to Boys. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Boys is concerned with a system that allows a lecturer to prepare a lecture by locating existing web pages and enhancing the web pages such as by masking content, adding text annotations or graphic elements, or attaching audio or video files (col. 2, lines 42-53). Furthermore, the web pages are packaged and timed for execution so that a plurality of students may learn on-line according to a predetermined schedule or in real-time (col. 2, lines 6-11).

In contrast, Applicant's invention allows users to obtain content of events such as lectures, meetings and expositions at their convenience. Moreover, the users can access accompanying information regarding an event, such as subject and date, before deciding whether to access content such as a video or audio recording of the event. The accompanying information is posted on a web page, and a request for the content is received via a web browser. In response to the request, the content is provided via the web browser.

Moreover, as set forth in claim 3, for example, content of an event may be obtained in response to a request from a user. For example, the accompanying information of an event may be posted on a web page, and the event content (e.g., audio or video recording) may be obtained and provided to users when a sufficient number of users indicate their interest in the content. Thus, resources are not wasted on obtaining content of events for which there is a lack of interest.

The Boys' system fails to disclose or suggest these features since the Boys system is not concerned with obtaining content of events, and providing the content on an as-requested basis to a user for access at anytime. Nor is the Boys system concerned with obtaining content of an event, such as an audio or video recording, in response to a request from a user that is exhibited before the event.

Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance be issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with the Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph F. Hoppin

Registration No.: 38,494

SCULLY, SCOTT, MURPHY & PRESSER
400 Garden City Plaza, Suite 300
Garden City, New York 11530
(516) 742-4343
TS:RH:cm